

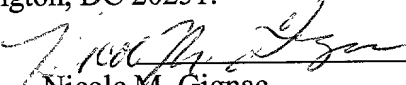
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Bruce J. Mayer, Kalle Saksela and Tomas Kirchausen  
Application No.: To be assigned                      Group: To be assigned  
Filed: Herewith                                      Examiner: To be assigned  
(Con't of PCT/US00/17929 – Filed: 29 June 2000)  
For: FUSION PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
concurrently with a Continuation Patent Application in the above-referenced matter.

Preliminary to calculation of the filing fee and examination on the merits, please amend  
the application identified in caption as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following heading and paragraph as the first paragraph on the first page  
in the application:

This application is a continuation of co-pending International Application PCT/US00/17929 filed on 29 June 2000 which designated the U.S and which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/141,896, filed 30 June 1999, the content of which is relied upon and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please amend claims 5 and 11 as follows.

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### REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has added the heading and cross-reference information suggested by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at the appropriate places in the specification.

Applicant has also amended claims 5 and 11 to remove multiple-dependent claims. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments to the claims.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE  
SPECIFICATION AND THE CLAIMS**

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**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 5 and 11 as follows.

5. (AMENDED) A gene encoding the fusion protein of [claims] claim 1[, 2, 3 or 4].
11. (AMENDED) A gene encoding the fusion protein of [claims] claim 7[, 8, 9 or 10].